

Thirty-Fourth Annual Fair

—OF THE—

VAN BUREN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

—AT—

PAW PAW, MICH.,

—ON—

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Sept. 30, and Oct. 1, 2, & 3, 1884.

GENERAL REGULATIONS.

MEMBERSHIP AND ADMISSION.

1—Individuals who desire to become voting members will be required to purchase a membership ticket, price one dollar, with which they will receive two admission tickets. The membership ticket is not itself a ticket of admission to the grounds during the fair, but entitles the person who owns it to all the privileges of membership under the constitution and by-laws. Admission tickets to the fair grounds will be sold at twenty-five cents for each person for each admittance. Children under twelve years of age, ten cents; and under eight years of age, free.

2—A holder of life membership certificate will be entitled only to admission to the grounds, on presentation of his certificate as such, for himself, his wife and their children under 21 years of age, living in the family at the time of the fair. Any attempt to use the life membership ticket by any person not entitled thereto will be regarded by the society as a forfeiture of the ticket.

3—Carriages drawn by one or two horses will be charged 25 cents for each admission, and each person in such carriage must have an entrance ticket, which will be taken up by the gate-keeper.

4—The gates will be open at 7 o'clock, a. m., each day of the fair, at which time every officer and employee is expected to be at his post of duty.

SUPERINTENDENTS AND JUDGES.

1—The president shall appoint superintendents over each division, whose duty it shall be to take charge of such department during the four days of the fair, attend to the arrangement of the articles entered for exhibition in their division, and stationing them in their proper places.

2—All articles for exhibition on the fair grounds shall be under the supervision of the superintendent, and shall be properly arranged, namely: Full bloods by themselves; Grades the same; Natives the same, etc.; and all other articles presented for exhibition shall be classified, that the several judges shall have no difficulty in determining in regard to the same.

3—The board of directors, at their regular meeting in February, shall appoint viewing committees for the next fair, and superintendents of divisions will ascertain if the persons so appointed will be present at the fair and act in the class to which they are appointed. All vacancies will be filled by the superintendent in charge. Superintendents will furnish viewing committees with the committee books, also with premium badges or cards, and instruct committees to affix the same as the awards are made.

4—Superintendents in charge of each department will wear proper badges by which their departments may be recognized, and viewing committees, and all persons wishing information or advice, will apply to said superintendents, and all decisions made by them shall be final, unless the person aggrieved shall immediately appeal in writing to the president. In case of appeal, the president shall refer the matter to the executive committee for their decision.

5—Viewing committees are requested to report to the superintendent in charge of their division at or before 2 o'clock on the second day of the fair to receive their instructions. Superintendents will assist viewing committees, and see that justice is done to all exhibitors. Viewing committees are requested to make such remarks as they may deem proper, and such recommendations as their experience may suggest, and may recommend discretionary premiums on meritorious articles, but no premium badge or card shall be attached to such articles, and all such recommendations must be approved by the board of directors. They will be particular to have their awards correctly entered on the books, and when their report is completed, they will sign the same and return them to the superintendent in charge.

6—No person except the judges will be permitted to enter the ring where stock is exhibited, unless invited by the superintendent in charge, and no person will be allowed to interfere with the awarding committees in the discharge of their duties.

GENERAL RULES.

ENTRIES. LIFE MEMBERS, TAKE NOTICE!

1—ANY person wishing to exhibit animals or articles to compete for premiums, must become a VOTING member of the society, by payment of one dollar, before entries for the same can be made or the articles received, and all persons, not life members, will receive two admission tickets therewith. Application for membership and entries can be made previous to the fair, by mail or otherwise, at the office of the secretary in Paw Paw, and on the grounds during the fair. All entries must be made on or before Wednesday, Oct. 1st, at 10 o'clock a. m., unless it be clearly shown that the party desiring to enter has been unavoidably detained. This rule will be rigidly enforced.

2—Exhibitors will take notice that if they wish to secure premiums, care must be taken to have entries correspond with the advertised premium list; and the society will not be responsible for such neglect of exhibitors. All animals competing for premiums must be owned by the exhibitor.

3—All animals and articles for exhibition must be entered at the office of the secretary before entering the show ground, where cards will be furnished, with the numbers as entered at the office. No articles or animals entered for premiums can be taken from the grounds until the close of the fair, without consent from the superintendent; nor animals taken on the show ground without being properly secured.

4—All animals or articles for exhibition or competition for premiums must be registered at or before ten o'clock a. m. of the second day, and be on the grounds and in their proper places before 11 o'clock a. m. of the second day, except those from a distance, which will be entered and received up to 12 o'clock, M. of the second day. Competition for premiums on exhibits open to the world.

5—All animals that shall be entered for competition in the class of thoroughbreds, must have a certified pedigree, a copy of which shall be placed on file with the secretary of the society at the time of entry.

6—Any person making an entry of a team, whether double or single, will be charged 25 cents, which will entitle the team to go in and out during the day for which payment has been made.

7—All domestic manufactures, needle, shell and wax work, paintings, drawings, photographs, and manufactured articles in their several classes, and all grains, grasses and seeds, must have been produced or manufactured within the last year, and must be exhibited by the manufacturer or producer. The committee will see that this rule is rigidly enforced.

8—Superintendents are requested to make their report to the secretary, at his office on the fair grounds, at or before 1 o'clock p. m. of Thursday, the third day of the fair, without fail.

9—All animals and articles competing for premiums, must be on the fair grounds the last day of the fair, and any such animal or article taken from the grounds, in violation of this rule, shall forfeit any premium that may have been awarded to it, unless permission shall have been granted to remove such animal or article by the superintendent in charge of the division.

10—No animal or article shall be entered for a premium in more than one place, except class 5 and 6, Division B, and Fine Arts.

11—No person shall act as judge in a class where he is a competitor. A superintendent may exhibit, but shall not draw a premium in the department over which he is superintendent.

12—The executive committee take this occasion to say that an ample supply of hay for stock on exhibition only, free of charge, will be provided, without fail.

13—No discretionary premium will be awarded to any animal or article competing for a premium in any class.

14—Horses, or other stock, occupying stalls or pens, must be entered on the books of the secretary for exhibition, and if not shown in competition when called for by the awarding committee, will be charged one dollar per day for the time the stall or pen is occupied.

15—All exhibitors of stock are requested to have the same accessible to visitors for inspection from 10 o'clock a. m. to 4 o'clock p. m., each day of the fair, keeping their stalls in a cleanly condition. Superintendents of divisions to enforce this rule.

16—When there is but one exhibitor, and the animal or article is not worthy, no premium will be awarded; and in no case shall a premium be awarded to an inferior animal or animal.

17—The money received during the fair will be applied first, to the payment of interest on debt; second, to payment of necessary running expenses; and, if from any cause, the balance in the treasury is not sufficient to pay the premiums in full, then a pro-rata apportionment will be made, and payment made accordingly.

18—The award of premiums will be published immediately after the close of the fair, and orders for the same will be payable within ten days thereafter. All orders not presented to the treasurer for payment before December 1st, following, will be forfeited to the society.

19—Any owner of stock or article on exhibition who shall in any way attempt to influence the decision of the

committee in any department, shall forfeit all claims to a premium. Any member who shall refuse to obey the marshal, when acting within the sphere of his duty, shall be expelled from the society.

LIST OF PREMIUMS.

DIVISION A--HORSES.

CLASS I--HORSES FOR ALL WORK.

Committee on Classes 1 and 3, A. H. Norton, Porter; J. H. Smith, Hamilton; S. H. Simmons, Waverly.

	1st.	2d.
Stallion 4 years old or over	\$8 00	\$6 00
Stallion 3 years old	6 00	4 00
Stallion 2 years old	5 00	3 00
Brood mare 4 years old or over with foal by side	6 00	5 00
Mare 4 years old without foal	5 00	4 00
Mare 3 years old	4 00	3 00
Mare 2 years old	3 00	2 00
Mare 1 year old	2 00	1 00
Sucking colt under 1 year old	1 50	1 00
Gelding 4 years old	5 00	4 00
Gelding 3 years old	4 00	3 00
Gelding 2 years old	3 00	2 00
Pair matched horses 4 years old or over, speed, size, style and fitness for carriage or farm work to be considered, weight not less than 1100 lbs. each	5 00	4 00
Pair of horses 3 years old, for all work	4 00	3 00

RULE—Horses in the above class must be capable of being trained for a road team, and for draft, as they may chance to be broken, and must have action and spirit.

CLASS II--ROADSTERS--BREEDING STOCK.

Committee on Classes 2, 4 and 5, Allen Harwick and G. H. Rix, Antwerp; Hiram Bush, Bloomingdale.

	1st.	2d.
Stallion 4 years old or over	\$8 00	\$6 00
Stallion 3 years old	6 00	4 00
Stallion 2 years old	5 00	3 00
Gelding 4 years old or over	5 00	4 00
Brood mare 4 years old or over with foal by side	4 00	3 00
Mare 4 years old or over	4 00	3 00
Stallion 1 year old	4 00	3 00
Mares and Geldings 3 years old	3 00	2 00
Mares and Geldings 2 years old	3 00	2 00
Mares and Geldings 1 year old	2 00	1 00

RULE—No horse will be ruled out for want of pedigree, but a well-authenticated pedigree will be a favorable point, all others being equal.

CLASS III--DRAUGHT HORSES.

	1st.	2d.
Stallion 4 years old or over	\$8 00	\$6 00
Stallion 3 years old	6 00	4 00
Stallion 2 years old	5 00	3 00
Stallion 1 year old	4 00	2 00
Colt under 1 year	3 00	1 00
Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over	5 00	4 00
Mare or Gelding 3 years old	4 00	3 00
Mare or Gelding 2 years old	3 00	2 00
Mare or Gelding 1 year old	2 00	1 00

CLASS IV--GENTS' DRIVING HORSES.

	1st.	2d.
Pair of driving horses 4 years old or over, owned and driven by exhibitor	\$6 00	\$5 00
Pair driving horses 3 years old	5 00	4 00
Single gelding or mare 4 years old or over	5 00	4 00
Single gelding or mare 3 years old	4 00	3 00

Judges will test all animals in this class under such rules as may be deemed necessary.

CLASS V--LADY DRIVING.

	1st.	2d.
First premium	\$4 00	
Second premium	3 00	
Third premium	2 00	

DIVISION B--CATTLE.

CLASS I--SHORT HORNS--THOROUGHBREDS.

Committee—H. F. Bowen, Paw Paw; A. J. Weldin, Porter; L. Churchill, Pine Grove.

	1st.	2d.
Bull 4 years old or over	\$5 00	\$4 00
Bull 3 years old	4 00	3 00
Bull 2 years old	3 00	2 00
Bull 1 year old	2 00	1 00
Bull calf	1 50	1 00
Cow 4 years old or over	4 00	3 00
Cow 3 years old	3 00	2 00
Heifer 2 years old	2 00	1 00
Heifer 1 year old	1 50	1 00
Heifer calf	1 50	1 00

CLASS II--GRADE SHORT HORNS.

Committee—John Cook, Decatur; Jas. McWilliams, Decatur; W. B. Adams, Lawrence.

	1st.	2d.
Cow 4 years old or over	\$4 00	\$3 00
Cow 3 years old	3 00	2 00
Heifer 2 years old	2 00	1 50
Heifer 1 year old	1 50	1 00
Heifer calf	1 50	1 00

CLASS III--JERSEYS OR ALDERNEYS, HOLSTEINS, HEREFORDS, AYRSHIRES AND DEVONS.

In this class discretionary premiums will be awarded according to merit.

CLASS IV--WORKING OXEN AND STEERS.

Committee on classes 3 and 4—D. McKee, Decatur; Geo. Van Dorn, Waverly; Garry Hunt, Antwerp.

	1st.	2d.
Oxen 5 years old or over	\$4 00	\$3 00
Steers 4 years old	4 00	3 00
Steers 3 years old	3 00	2 00
Steers 2 years old	2 00	1 00
Steers 1 year old	1 50	1 00
Fat steer, any age	3 00	2 00
Fat heifer, any age	3 00	2 00

CLASS V--HERDS.

Herds to consist of eight head—one bull and three cows, the balance to consist of steers, heifers and calves, the progeny of the bull and cows.

	1st.	2d.
Best herd	\$6 00	\$6 00

CLASS VI--SWEEPSTAKES.

Committee to be selected on the ground for classes 5 and 6.

For the largest and best exhibition of cattle, irrespective of breed, owned by exhibitor, \$25 00 \$15 00 \$10 00
RULE—Twenty-five per cent. will be deducted from amount of premiums awarded in Class 6.

DIVISION C--SHEEP, SWINE AND POULTRY.

CLASS I--FINE WOOLS--THOROUGHBREDS ELIGIBLE TO REGISTRATION.

Committee—L. Bonine, Vandalia; H. G. Kinney, Texas; Rufus Allen, Ostemo.

	1st.	2d.
Ram 2 years old or over	\$5 00	\$3 00
Ram 1 year old	4 00	2 00
3 ram lambs	3 00	2 00
3 ewes, 2 years old or over	3 00	2 00
3 ewes, 1 year old	3 00	2 00
3 ewe lambs	2 00	1 00

CLASS II--AMERICAN MERINOS. FULL BLOODS.

Committee on Classes 2 and 3—D. W. C. Lytle, Porter; W. M. Thayer, Paw Paw; H. Corwin, Keeler.

	1st.	2d.
Ram 2 years old or over	\$4 00	\$3 00
Ram 1 year old	3 00	2 00
3 ram lambs	3 00	2 00
1 ram lamb	2 00	1 00
3 ewes, 2 years old or over	4 00	3 00
3 ewes 1 year old	3 00	2 00
3 ewe lambs	3 00	2 00
1 ewe lamb	2 00	1 00

CLASS III--FINE WOOL GRADES.

	1st.	2d.
3 ewes 2 years old or over	\$3 00	\$2 00
3 ewes 1 year old	2 00	1 00
3 ewe lambs	1 00	50

CLASS IV--LONG WOOLS, OXFORD AND SHROPSHIRE.

Committee—P. T. Streater, Waverly; James Galligan, Paw Paw; G. W. Crawford, Lawrence.

	1st.	2d.
Ram 2 years old or over	\$4 00	\$3 00
Ram 1 year old	3 00	2 00
3 ram lambs	3 00	2 00
3 ewes 2 years old or over	3 00	2 00
3 ewes 1 year old	2 00	1 00
3 ewe lambs	2 00	1 00

COTSWOLDS, LEICESTERS, AND SOUTHDOVNS.

	1st.	2d.
Ram 1 year old or over	\$3 00	\$2 00
3 ram lambs	2 00	1 00
3 ewes 1 year old or over	3 00	2 00
3 ewe lambs	2 00	1 00

CLASS V--SWINE--POLAND-CHINA--THOROUGHBREDS.

(Registered, or eligible to registry.)

Committee on classes 5 and 6—B. G. Buel, Volinia; J. Curry, Decatur; John Hunt, Jr., Antwerp.

	1st.	2d.
Boar 1 year old or over	\$5 00	\$3 00
Boar pig over 6 months and under 1 year	3 00	2 00
Boar pig under 6 months	3 00	2 00
Sow with not less than 3 of her pigs	5 00	3 00
Sow 1 year old or over	3 00	2 00
3 sows over 6 months and under 1 year	3 00	2 00
3 sow pigs under 6 months	3 00	2 00

CLASS VI--BERKSHIRE, AND OTHER BREEDS.

	1st.	2d.
Boar 1 year old or over	\$4 00	\$3 00
Boar over 6 months and under 1 year	3 00	2 00
Boar pig under 6 months	3 00	2 00
Sow with not less than 3 pigs	4 00	3 00
Sow 1 year old or over	3 00	2 00
3 sows over 6 months and under 1 year	3 00	2 00
3 sow pigs under 6 months	3 00	2 00

All sows over one year old, in classes 5 and 6, must have raised not less than four pigs the present season.

CLASS VII--POULTRY.

Committee—H. Hinkley, Paw Paw; E. Morris, Volinia; John Clemens, Lawrence.

	1st.	2d.
Best pair Light Brahmas	\$1 00	50
" " Dark Brahmas	1 00	50
" " Partridge Cochins	1 00	50
" " White Cochins	1 00	50
" " Buff Cochins	1 00	50

GAME.

	1st.	2d.
Best pair Brown Red	1 00	50
" " Black-breasted Red	1 00	50
" " Pyle	1 00	50
" " Golden Duck-wing	1 00	50

DORKING.

	1st.	2d.
Best pair White Dorking	1 00	50
" " Silver Gray	1 00	50
" " Plymouth Rock	1 00	50
" " Dominiques	1 00	50

SPANISH.

	1st.	2d.
Best pair Black Spanish	1 00	50
" " White Leghorn	1 00	50
" " Brown Leghorn	1 00	50
" " Black Leghorn	1 00	50
" " Black Hamburgs	1 00	50
" " Silver Spangled Hamburgs	1 00	50
" " Golden Spangled Hamburgs	1 00	50
" " Silver Pencilled Hamburgs	1 00	50

FRENCH.

	1st.	2d.
Best pair Houdans	1 00	50
" " Crevecoeurs	1 00	50

POLISH.

	1st.	2d.
Best pair Black Polish White Crests	1 00	50
" " White Polish	1 00	50
" " Golden Polish	1 00	50

BANTAM.

Best pair Golden Sebright.....	1 00
" " Silver Sebright.....	1 00
" " B. B. Red Game.....	1 00
" " African Bantams.....	1 00